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Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District for the year 1957.

This year has been the least eventful of my experience with no matters of grave significance taking place.

Housing development continues and with it population growth. It now appears that a population figure of 10,000 will be reached earlier than I previously anticipated. I would draw your attention to the number of births which exceeds by almost one half the previous highest total. This reflects the fact that most of the newcomers to the District are young persons whose families are as yet incomplete.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. KIND,

Medical Officer of Health.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

Area, in acres	2,529	Number of occupied houses	3,039
Rateable value on 1st April		Number of houses combined with	
1957.	£118,275	shops	43
Sum represented by a Penny		Number of houses owned by the	
Rate	£519	Council	258
Population (mid 1957).. ..	8,760		

<u>B I R T H S</u>		<u>D E A T H S</u>	
<u>Live Births - Legitimate :</u>		<u>Deaths - all causes</u>	
Male	76	Male	34
Female	70	Female	47
Total	146.	Total	81
<u>Illegitimate :</u>		<u>Deaths from puerperal causes.</u>	Nil
Male	3	<u>Deaths of infants under 1 year of age</u>	
Female	2	Male	Nil
Total	5	Female	2
Total Live Births :		Total	2
Male	79	<u>Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age</u>	
Female	72	Male	Nil
Total	151.	Female	1
<u>Stillbirths</u>	Nil.	Total	1
<u>Birthrate per 1,000 estimated</u>		<u>Death rate per 1,000 estimated</u>	
<u>population</u>	17.2	<u>population</u>	9.1

C A U S E S O F D E A T H S

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION.							1957.		
							M	F	Total.
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. " " Bronchus and Lung	5	1					5	1	6
12. " " Breast	-	2					-	2	2
13. " " Uterus	-	2					-	2	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	4	3					4	3	7
15. Leukaemia and aleukaemia	1	-					1	-	1
16. Diabetes	1	-					1	-	1
17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system	6	11					6	11	17
18. Coronary disease and angina	4	10					4	10	14
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	1					1	1	2
20. Other heart diseases	1	7					1	7	8
21. Other circulatory disease	1	1					1	1	2
22. Influenza	1	-					1	-	1
23. Pneumonia	1	-					1	-	1
24. Bronchitis	2	1					2	1	3
25. Other diseases of the respiratory system	-	-					-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-					-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-					1	-	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1					1	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-					-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	-	-					-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	1					1	1	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	5					1	5	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents	2	-					2	-	2
34. All other accidents	-	-					-	-	-
35. Suicide	-	-					-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-					-	-	-
TOTAL (all causes) ..							34	47	81.

CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

IMMUNISATION :

During 1957 100 children under the age of 5 years received primary immunisation against diphtheria. 65 other children received injections to maintain their immunity.

Vaccination against poliomyelitis was continued and I consider that the majority of those eligible have been vaccinated. Some delay may occur in respect of those who specified the use of a British vaccine.

B.C.G. vaccination of school leavers was continued. Twenty boys and twenty four girls accepted it.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1957.

Two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified and three additional cases came to live within the district.

At the close of the year 34 cases of pulmonary and 9 cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were known to be living in the district.

OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Notified cases of infectious disease other than those already commented upon were as follows:-

Scarlet Fever ..	..	4
Whooping Cough ..	..	13
Measles .. ..	..	26
Acute pneumonia ..	..	1
Erysipelas .. ..	..	2.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

I am indebted to Mr. J. G. Davies, Public Health Inspector, for the following information relating to the sanitary circumstances of this area.

WATER SUPPLY :

Leicester Corporation mains water is piped throughout the district and a total of 3,009 houses with an estimated population of 9,027 have an internal supply.

A further 26 houses have access to this supply and cater for 72 people.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL :

Sewage is dealt with at the Council's own works. The houses in the district are served by 3,406 water closets, leaving 12 premises supplied by pail closets. These pails are emptied by our own employees every fortnight.

32 cesspools are in use, 2 having been constructed during the year, whilst 4 were abolished.

PUBLIC CLEANSING :

House refuse is collected at weekly intervals by our own employees and is disposed of by controlled tipping.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA:

Complaints received	..	..	..	..	..	..	85
Premises concerned	..	..	..	..	..	..	140
Defects or nuisances dealt with	..	..	..	..	..	..	165
Total number of Inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	..	2,245

Nature of Inspections

Bakehouses	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drainage works	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,370
Dwelling Houses (all purposes)	..	..	..	..	..	..	220
Food Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Rodent Control	..	..	..	..	..	..	68
Refuse Collection and Disposal	..	..	..	..	..	..	77
Shops	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Slaughterhouse and Meat Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	315
Smoke Observations	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Tents, vans and sheds	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Other Inspections	..	..	..	..	..	..	167

Notices Issued

	<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Public Health.</u>
Outstanding on 1st January 1957	..	Nil	26
Issued during 1957	..	1	77
Complied with during 1957	..	1	87
Statutory action necessary	..	Nil	Nil
Outstanding on 31st December 1957	..	Nil	16

Regulated Buildings

There are no regulated buildings in the area.

Camping Sites.

There are no such sites in this area.

Verminous Premises.

No infested premises came to notice during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A full time rodent operator was appointed in November 1957. The refuse tip and sewers receive regular treatment, whilst a comprehensive service can now be offered to the public.

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

No premises are involved in the operation of these Acts.

Shop Acts, 1950.

No action under Section 38 of this Act was taken during 1957.

Swimming Bath.

Three inspections were made and samples of water were taken. These proved to be satisfactory. The filtration and chlorination plant is in continuous use.

Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948.

Premises involved in the operation of the Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
Defects found	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
Number of Outworkers	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955.

Premises inspected	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
Number of inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	..	17
Informal notices served	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Informal notices complied with	..	..	..	..	..	..	3

ICE CREAM.

Nine premises are registered for the sale of ice cream. Nine samples were taken during the year, all of these proving to be Grade 1.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

Only four distributors are registered. Three inspections were made resulting in the discovery of one contravention which was remedial.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS 1949 and
MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949

Licences issued under the above-named Regulations:-

					<u>Dealers</u>		<u>Supplementary.</u>
Pasteurised	..	..	..	..	.. 3	..	4
Sterilised	..	..	..	..	.. 3	..	4
Tuberculin Tested	..	..	..	..	.. 3	..	3

MILK SAMPLING

Three samples of pasteurised milk were taken for bacteriological examination. All proved satisfactory.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Licensed Slaughterhouses in the area	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Animals slaughtered therein	..	..	..	..	..	..	3912
Animals examined at time of slaughter	..	..	..	..	..	..	3912
Visits made for this purpose	..	..	..	..	..	..	315
Number of Meat Stores in the area	..	..	..	..	..	..	8
Inspections made	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF ANIMALS AT THE TIME OF SLAUGHTER.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	437	36	184	2859	396
Number inspected	437	36	184	2859	396
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	4	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	69	15	-	15	11
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	15.8	38.3	0.5	0.6	2.8
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	17	4	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.1	11.1	-	0.25	-

H O U S I N G.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	49
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	60
(2)		Number of dwelling-houses (included under (sub head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932	Nil
(3)		Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	10

CLEARANCE AREAS (Housing Act, 1936 and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954)

	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in the period		Number of persons displaced
	<u>Unfit Houses</u>	<u>Other houses</u>	
Land coloured pink and pink hatched yellow	6	Nil	18.

REPAIRS:-

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts

Number of Houses

16.

UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE:-

No such houses are in use.

PURCHASE OF HOUSES BY AGREEMENT:-

No such houses were purchased.

OVERCROWDING:-

It is felt that no overcrowding exists.

RECONDITIONING OF HOUSES:-

Ten Improvements grants under the Housing Act 1949, were sought.

Six such grants were allowed at 50% of the approved cost of works. Four further grants were refused

NEW HOUSES:-

Number of applications for Council houses at the end of the year	100
Local Authority houses completed during the year ..	6
Local Authority houses under construction at the end of the year	12
Private enterprise houses completed during the year	397
Private enterprise houses under construction at the end of the year	287
Total number of post war houses completed by	
(a) Local Authority	212
(b) Private enterprise	1,151.
